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FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT OF INDONESIAN VICE PRESIDENT
HAMENGKU BUWONO

REF: HEAVNER LETTERS TO AMBASSADOR DATED OCTOBER 25 AND
NOVEMBER 1

1. IN ADDITION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULTAN'S VISIT OUTLINED
REF LETTERS, WE HAVE ALSO ARRANGED FOR HIM TO BE MET AT
EACH STOP AFTER LEAVING BOSTON, INCLUDING WASHINGTON,
NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, AND HONOLULU. SY HAS ALSO CO-
ORDINATED WITH LOCAL SECURITY FORCES IN EACH CASE. SULTAN
WAS GREETED AND SEEN OFF IN WASHINGTON BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY LEVEL AS WELL AS COUNTRY DIRECTOR.

2. ONLY REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH USG OFFICIALS WAS
FOR COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT
WAS OUT OF WASHINGTON DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF SULTAN'S
VISIT HERE. IN CONVERSATION WITH HEAVNER SULTAN DID NOT
SEEM AT ALL DISTURBED BY THIS, HOWEVER, AND INDONESIAN
EMBASSY (POLITICAL COUNSELOR) TWICE TOLD HEAVNER THAT IF
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THE MEETING COULD NOT BE ARRANGED, IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY

UNDERSTOOD. (YOU WILL RECALL THAT INITIALLY INDONESIANS HAD TOLD US SULTAN DID NOT WISH TO CALL ON ANY USG OFFICIALS).

3. SULTAN'S ACTIVITIES WHILE IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK REPORTEDLY CONSISTED MAINLY IN SIGHTSEEING, CALL ON SMITHSONIAN OFFICIALS, MEETING WITH BOY SCOUT REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK, AND CONVERSATIONS WITH U.S. MEMBERS OF BOROBUDUR DRIVE.

4. INDONESIANS HERE SEEM QUITE PLEASED WITH ARRANGEMENTS AND RELAXED ABOUT VISIT. IN FACT INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR THAJEB WENT AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR CRUISE IN CARIBBEAN AND WAS NOT RPT NOT IN WASHINGTON DURING SULTAN'S VISIT HERE.

5. MAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP, MEDICAL TREATMENT OF SULTAN'S EYES, WAS APPARENTLY QUITE SUCCESSFUL. SULTAN TOLD HEAVNER HIS VISION MUCH IMPROVED AND HE VERY HAPPY WITH HIS MEDICAL TREATMENT.

6. IN SHORT, WE THINK SULTAN RECEIVED AS MUCH ATTENTION AS HE AND SUHARTO COULD REASONABLY EXPECT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. IT WAS VERY LOW KEY VISIT, HOWEVER, AND WE DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THERE IS SOME DISAPPOINTMENT UNDER SMILING EXTERIOR PRESENTED HERE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATIONS YOU MAY GET ON SULTAN'S FEELINGS ABOUT HIS TRIP. KISSINGER

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